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BUILDING STATISTICS - TASMANIA, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1954.

The Deputy Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. J. C. Stephen) has made available the following particulars of Building Statistics for the quarter ended 31st December 1954. Comparative data for preceding periods will be found in previous releases. Subsequent issues will follow a similar pattern but a complete summary will be published annually and this will appear when the statement is released for the quarter ended June.

A statement of definitions of terms used will be found on page 6.

1. NEW HOUSES COMPLETED: During the quarter ended 31st December, 1954, 715 new houses were completed compared with 543 in September quarter and 799 in June quarter, 1954.

Completions in December quarter in preceding years were: 1951 - 1,336; 1952 - 983; and 1953 - 661. The 715 houses completed during December quarter, 1954 comprised 89 brick, concrete etc., 56 brick, concrete etc., veneers, 532 wood, 18 prefabricated wood and 20 fibro-cement.

2. NEW HOUSES COMMENCED: The number of new houses commenced during December quarter, 1954, was 627, a decrease of 14 compared with September quarter, 1954.

3. NEW HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The number of new houses under construction at 31st December, 1954, was 2,159, a decrease of 88 compared with the 30th September, 1954 figure of 2,247. Corresponding figures as at the 31st December, in previous years are as follows: 1951 - 3,264; 1952 - 2,317; 1953 - 2,123.

The houses under construction at the 31st December, 1954 comprised: solid brick, concrete, etc. 490 (22.7%); brick, concrete, etc. veneers 251 (11.6%); wood 1,311 (60.7%); prefabricated wood, 12 (0.6%); and fibro-cement, 95 (4.4%).

4. NEW BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN HOUSES): The value of new buildings (other than houses) completed during December quarter, 1954 was £700,000 compared with £1,238,000 in September quarter, 1954 and £402,000 in June quarter, 1954. Three new factories valued at £50,000 were completed during the quarter. Other new buildings (included above) completed during the quarter comprised: 9 schools, 9 garages, service stations, etc., 1 store or warehouse, 1 Hospital and 87 others.

During December quarter, 1954, the value of new buildings (other than houses), commenced was £572,000 compared with £1,124,000 in September quarter, 1954 and £1,104,000 in June quarter, 1954.

5. VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS: The value of all buildings, including houses, completed in Tasmania during December quarter, 1954, was £2,503,000 a decrease of £91,000 compared with September quarter, 1954, and an increase of £280,000 compared with December quarter, 1953. New houses valued at £1,803,000 comprised 72 per cent of the total value of completions.

The value of new buildings commenced during December quarter, 1954 was £2,205,000 a decrease of £518,000 compared with September quarter, 1954, and £410,000 more than December quarter, 1953.

The value of new buildings under construction at 31st December, 1954 was £11,956,000.

6. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS: The value of work done on new buildings during December quarter, 1954, was £2,535,000 compared with £2,915,000 in September quarter, 1954, and £2,362,000 in December quarter 1953. Of the December quarter 1954 total, £1,740,000 or 68.6% represented work done in respect of houses. Hobart and Suburbs accounted for 68.6% £937,000 or 37.0% of the total value. Launceston and Suburbs for £554,000 or 21.9% and the rest of the State for £1,044,000 or 41.1%.

7. PERSONS WORKING ON NEW BUILDINGS: (See note 5 on page 6). There were 5,939 persons including 1,515 working principals engaged on the construction of new buildings at 31st December, 1954. Of these 2,979 were carpenters by trade, 447 bricklayers and 1,043 builders' labourers.

Of the 5,939 persons engaged at 31st December, 1954, 4,323 were working on private contract jobs, 750 on owner-built jobs and 866 on Government day labour projects. The returns indicated that 3,115 were working on new houses, 1,772 on other new buildings, 360 on alterations and additions to houses, 411 on alterations and additions to other buildings and 281 on repair and maintenance work.

1. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS - TASMANIA - DECEMBER QUARTER, 1954

| Description of Building and Construction Agency | Commenced during December Quarter, 1954. | | Completed dur- ing December Quarter, 1954 | | Under Construc- tion at 31st Dec., 1954 | | Value of Work done during December Quarter 1954 |
|---|--|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | |
| 1. Houses (b) : | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private A/c. | 184 | 541 | 230 | 644 | 372 | 1,206 | 560 |
| On Government A/c. | 105 | 266 | 106 | 276 | 175 | 470 | 308 |
| (ii) Govt. Day Labour | 117 | 292 | 135 | 294 | 142 | 355 | 242 |
| (iii) Owner-Builders | 221 | 534 | 244 | 589 | 1,470 | 3,634 | 630 |
| Total Houses : | 627 | 1,633 | 715 | 1,803 | 2,159 | 5,665 | 1,740 |
| 2. Flats (c) : | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors : | | | | | | | |
| Private A/c. | 4 | 17 | 15 | 44 | 14 | 47 | 21 |
| (ii) Govt. Day Labour | | | | | 86 | 285 | 15 |
| 3. Shops with Dwellings : | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors : | | | | | | | |
| Private A/c. | 1 | 5 | 10 | 43 | 7 | 38 | 33 |
| Government A/c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4. Shops without Dwellings : | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors : | | | | | | | |
| Private A/c. | 14 | 64 | 14 | 192 | 33 | 265 | 74 |
| Government A/c. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| 5. Hotels, Guest Houses : | | | | | 2 | 18 | 2 |
| 6. Factories : | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| Private A/c. | | | 3 | 50 | 11 | 421 | 37 |
| Government A/c. | | | | | 4 | 1,500 | 26 |
| 7. Other New Buildings : | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| Private A/c. | 41 | 196 | 31 | 170 | 77 | 905 | 228 |
| Government A/c. | 31 | 286 | 31 | 196 | 103 | 2,483 | 346 |
| (ii) Govt. Day Labour | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 322 | 11 |
| Total Other New Buildings: | 94 | 572 | 107 | 700 | 343 | 6,291 | 795 |
| All New Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| Private A/c. | 244 | 823 | 303 | 1,143 | 516 | 2,900 | 955 |
| Government A/c. | 137 | 554 | 139 | 476 | 284 | 4,460 | 682 |
| (ii) Govt. Day Labour | 119 | 294 | 136 | 295 | 232 | 962 | 268 |
| (iii) Owner-Builders | 221 | 534 | 244 | 589 | 1,470 | 3,634 | 630 |
| GRAND TOTAL : | 721 | 2,205 | 822 | 2,503 | 2,502 | 11,956 | 2,535 |

(a) When completed, excluding cost of land on which building is erected.

(b) Converted army huts are excluded.

(c) Number indicates number of individual flats provided as new dwellings.

2. PERSONS (a) ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF NEW BUILDINGS
IN TASMANIA AS AT 15TH DECEMBER, 1954.

| Grade of Occupation | No. | Type of Occupation | No. | Work Engaged on | No. |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Contractors | 866 | Carpenters | 2,979 | New Buildings : | |
| Sub-Contractors | 649 | Bricklayers | 447 | Houses | 3,115 |
| Wage Earners | 4,424 | Painters | 413 | Other New Buildings | 1,772 |
| | | Electricians | 205 | Additions & Alterations (b) : | |
| | | Plumbers | 276 | Houses | 360 |
| | | Builders' | | Other Buildings | 411 |
| | | Labourers | 1,043 | Repairs & Maintenance (b) : | 281 |
| | | Others | 576 | | |
| Total : | 5,939 | Total : | 5,939 | Total : | 5,939 |

(a) Includes estimate for persons working on owner-built jobs.

(b) Excludes principals and their employees engaged solely on alterations, additions and maintenance work.

3. SUMMARY : BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED AND CONSTRUCTION

OF NEW HOUSES, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1954.

| Area | Building Permits Granted During Quarter | | Commenced During Quarter. | | Completed During Quarter. | | Under Construc- tion at End of Quarter. | |
|--|---|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) |
| Hobart, City | 69 | £'000 225 | 46 | £'000 143 | 66 | £'000 202 | 225 | £'000 738 |
| Hobart, Suburbs : | | | | | | | | |
| Clarence (b) | 90 | 253 | 94 | 256 | 180 | 438 | 286 | 825 |
| Kingborough (b) | 21 | 63 | 18 | 60 | 18 | 58 | 57 | 171 |
| Glenorchy | 119 | 321 | 106 | 287 | 52 | 138 | 302 | 810 |
| Total Suburbs : | 230 | 637 | 218 | 603 | 250 | 634 | 645 | 1806 |
| Total Hobart and Suburbs : | 299 | 862 | 264 | 746 | 316 | 836 | 870 | 2544 |
| Launceston City | 38 | 124 | 67 | 204 | 62 | 178 | 213 | 633 |
| Launceston Suburbs (b) : | | | | | | | | |
| Beaconsfield | 20 | 42 | 8 | 23 | 14 | 43 | 55 | 134 |
| Evandale | - | - | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Lilydale | 45 | 113 | 41 | 103 | 46 | 124 | 75 | 192 |
| St. Leonards | 26 | 69 | 20 | 48 | 12 | 33 | 84 | 220 |
| Westbury | 4 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 32 |
| Total Suburbs : | 95 | 232 | 73 | 181 | 76 | 210 | 229 | 578 |
| Total Launceston & Suburbs : | 133 | 356 | 140 | 385 | 138 | 388 | 442 | 1211 |
| All other Areas (c) | 230 | 485 | 223 | 502 | 261 | 579 | 847 | 1910 |
| Tasmania (c) December Quarter, 1954 | 662 | 1703 | 627 | 1633 | 715 | 1803 | 2159 | 5665 |
| September Quarter, 1954 | 669 | 1766 | 641 | 1599 | 543 | 1356 | 2247 | 5982 |
| June Quarter, 1954 | 618 | 1596 | 724 | 1805 | 799 | 2043 | 2149 | 5630 |
| March Quarter, 1954 | 600 | 1500 | 663 | 1711 | 562 | 1447 | 2224 | 5707 |
| December Quarter 1953 | 648 | 1582 | 595 | 1464 | 661 | 1710 | 2123 | 5418 |

(a) Value when completed.

(b) Suburban areas only of these Municipalities.

(c) Excluding building permit details for those Municipalities which do not require a permit to build.

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399

3B. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES CLASSIFIED IN
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1954.
(Including Owner-built Houses)

| Statistical Divisions and Local Government Areas | Building Per- mits granted during Quarter | | Commenced during Quarter | | Completed during Quarter | | Under Construc- tion at end of Quarter | |
|--|---|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) |
| URBAN DIVISION: | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 |
| Hobart, City | 69 | 225 | 46 | 143 | 66 | 202 | 225 | 738 |
| " Suburbs | 230 | 637 | 218 | 603 | 250 | 634 | 645 | 1,806 |
| Launceston, City | 38 | 124 | 67 | 204 | 62 | 178 | 213 | 633 |
| " Suburbs | 95 | 232 | 73 | 181 | 76 | 210 | 229 | 578 |
| Total Urban Division | 432 | 1,218 | 404 | 1,131 | 454 | 1,224 | 1,312 | 3,755 |
| NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Burnie | 20 | 50 | 10 | 26 | 23 | 60 | 94 | 221 |
| Circular Head | 10 | 23 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 18 | 29 | 54 |
| Deloraine | 7 | 15 | 4 | 14 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 45 |
| Devonport | 26 | 60 | 32 | 55 | 49 | 94 | 118 | 271 |
| Kentish | 4 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 28 |
| King Island | 3 | 5 | 12 | 31 | 11 | 33 | 29 | 92 |
| Latrobe | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 34 |
| Penguin | 11 | 21 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 21 | 47 |
| Ulverstone | 24 | 60 | 9 | 21 | 7 | 18 | 47 | 105 |
| Wynyard | 3 | 4 | 14 | 34 | 8 | 17 | 39 | 88 |
| Total North-Western Div: | 111 | 252 | 96 | 209 | 125 | 284 | 427 | 985 |
| NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Beaconsfield (b) | 16 | 26 | 12 | 20 | 17 | 24 | 45 | 90 |
| Fingal | 4 | 8 | 2 | 4 | | | 14 | 40 |
| Flinders | - | - | 3 | 10 | | | 3 | 10 |
| George Town | 4 | 9 | 8 | 23 | 5 | 19 | 21 | 48 |
| Lilydale (b) | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | | | 8 | 15 |
| Portland | 3 | 2 | | | | | 9 | 16 |
| Ringarooma | - | - | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 14 |
| Scottsdale | 6 | 13 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 32 |
| Total North-Eastern Div: | 35 | 65 | 35 | 75 | 28 | 55 | 118 | 265 |
| NORTH-MIDLAND DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Evandale (b) | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Longford | 5 | 13 | 9 | 23 | 8 | 20 | 26 | 59 |
| St. Leonards (b) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 38 |
| Westbury (b) | - | - | 2 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 28 |
| Total North-Midland Div: | 6 | 15 | 14 | 36 | 18 | 45 | 64 | 135 |
| MIDLAND DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Bothwell | - | - | 2 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Campbell Town | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Hamilton | 4 | 8 | 26 | 72 | 22 | 57 | 17 | 53 |
| Oatlands | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 27 |
| Ross | - | - | | | | | 3 | 9 |
| Total Midland Division: | 10 | 22 | 31 | 91 | 27 | 70 | 36 | 114 |
| SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton (c) | - | - | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| Clarence (b) | 12 | 24 | 7 | 16 | 18 | 37 | 62 | 136 |
| Glamorgan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 13 |
| Green Ponds (c) | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | |
| Richmond (c) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 4 |
| Sorell | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 39 |
| Spring Bay | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 11 |
| Total South-Eastern Div: | 28 | 46 | 25 | 43 | 34 | 63 | 105 | 203 |
| SOUTHERN DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Bruny | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Esperance | 5 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| Huon | 8 | 19 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 31 |
| Kingborough (b) | 8 | 19 | 8 | 22 | 8 | 15 | 37 | 91 |
| New Norfolk | 11 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 24 | 24 | 46 |
| Port Cygnet | 3 | 6 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Tasman | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Total Southern Division: | 39 | 80 | 20 | 43 | 26 | 55 | 92 | 194 |
| WESTERN DIVISION | | | | | | | | |
| Queenstown | - | - | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Strahan | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Zeehan | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| Total Western Division: | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 14 |
| Total Country Divisions: | 230 | 485 | 223 | 502 | 261 | 579 | 847 | 1,910 |
| TOTAL TASMANIA (d) | 662 | 1,703 | 627 | 1,633 | 715 | 1,803 | 2,159 | 5,665 |

(a) Value when completed. (b) Country sections only of these Municipalities. (c) Building permits not issued in these Municipalities. (d) Excludes building permit details for those Municipalities which do not issue permits.

4. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO TYPE

| Particulars | | Solid Brick, Concrete, etc. | Brick, Concrete, etc. Veneers | Wood | Prefab- ricated Wood | Fibro- Cement | Other Mater- ials. | Total |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| December Quarter, 1954. | | | | | | | | |
| Commenced During Quarter | No. | 85 | 53 | 463 | 3 | 23 | | 627 |
| | % of total | 13.6 | 8.4 | 73.8 | 0.5 | 3.7 | | 100 |
| | Value £'000 | 313 | 162 | 1,118 | 6 | 34 | | 1,633 |
| | Average cost £ (a) | 3,682 | 3,057 | 2,415 | 2,000 | 1,478 | | 2,604 |
| Completed During Quarter | No. | 89 | 56 | 532 | 18 | 20 | | 715 |
| | % of Total | 12.4 | 7.8 | 74.5 | 2.5 | 2.8 | | 100 |
| | Value £'000 | 314 | 185 | 1,242 | 36 | 26 | | 1,803 |
| | Average cost £ (a) | 3,528 | 3,304 | 2,335 | 2,000 | 1,300 | | 2,522 |
| Under Construction at 31st December, 1954. | No. | 490 | 251 | 1,311 | 12 | 95 | | 2,159 |
| | % of total | 22.7 | 11.6 | 60.7 | 0.6 | 4.4 | | 100 |
| | Value £'000 | 1,575 | 760 | 3,178 | 24 | 128 | | 5,665 |
| | Average cost £ (a) | 3,214 | 3,028 | 2,424 | 2,000 | 1,347 | | 2,624 |
| September Quarter, 1954. | | | | | | | | |
| Commenced During Quarter | No. | 81 | 70 | 448 | 11 | 31 | | 641 |
| | % of total | 12.7 | 10.9 | 69.9 | 1.7 | 4.8 | | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 258 | 214 | 1,072 | 22 | 33 | | 1,599 |
| | Average cost £ (a) | 3,185 | 3,057 | 2,392 | 2,000 | 1,064 | | 2,494 |
| Completed During Quarter | No. | 72 | 42 | 397 | 9 | 23 | | 543 |
| | % of total | 13.3 | 7.7 | 73.1 | 1.7 | 4.2 | | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 234 | 138 | 930 | 18 | 36 | | 1,356 |
| | Average cost £ (a) | 3,250 | 3,285 | 2,342 | 2,000 | 1,565 | | 2,497 |
| Under Construction at 30th September, 1954. | No. | 494 | 254 | 1,380 | 27 | 92 | | 2,247 |
| | % of total | 22.0 | 11.3 | 61.4 | 1.2 | 4.1 | | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 1,560 | 758 | 3,488 | 54 | 122 | | 5,982 |
| | Average cost £ (a) | 3,157 | 2,984 | 2,527 | 2,000 | 1,326 | | 2,662 |

(a) Average cost is obtained by dividing total number of houses commenced, completed and under construction into the total value of houses commenced, completed and under construction respectively, as stated by builders. As averages they relate to houses of the size and standard commenced, completed and under construction in the relevant period, and cannot be regarded as an index of the cost of erecting houses of a particular size or standard.

5. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS IN TASMANIA DURING DECEMBER QUARTER, 1954

| Description of Building | Hobart | | | Launceston | | | Rest of State | Total Tas- mania | Percent- age of Total |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | City | Sub- urbs | City & Suburbs | City | Sub- urbs | City & Suburbs | | | |
| Houses: | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | % |
| Brick, Concrete, etc. (a) | 97 | 72 | 169 | 107 | 57 | 164 | 146 | 479 | 18.9 |
| Wood | 79 | 489 | 568 | 73 | 188 | 261 | 408 | 1,237 | 48.8 |
| Fibro-Cement | 1 | | 1 | | | | 23 | 24 | 0.9 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Houses: | 177 | 561 | 738 | 180 | 245 | 425 | 577 | 1,740 | 68.6 |
| Flats | 17 | 10 | 27 | 7 | - | 7 | 2 | 36 | 1.4 |
| Shops with Dwellgs | 9 | 1 | 10 | 12 | - | 12 | 11 | 33 | 1.3 |
| Shops w/o Dwellgs. | 19 | 16 | 35 | 16 | - | 16 | 25 | 76 | 3.0 |
| Hotels, Guest Houses etc. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 0.1 |
| Factories | 2 | - | 2 | 11 | - | 11 | 50 | 63 | 2.5 |
| Other New Bldgs. | 114 | 11 | 125 | 67 | 16 | 83 | 377 | 585 | 23.1 |
| Total Other Bldgs. | 161 | 38 | 199 | 113 | 16 | 129 | 467 | 795 | 31.4 |
| Total New Bldgs. | 338 | 599 | 937 | 293 | 261 | 554 | 1,044 | 2,535 | 100.0 |
| Percentage of Total | 13.4 | 23.6 | 37.0 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 21.9 | 41.1 | 100.0 | |

(a) Includes Veneers.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED

1. Owner - Builder: For the purpose of this Bulletin, an owner-builder is a person who is actually building his own house or is having his house built under his own direction without the services of a Contractor.
2. Commenced: A building is regarded as having been commenced when work on the foundation has begun. Owing to the difficulty of defining the exact point that this represents in building operations, it is probable that interpretations placed upon it by informants are not entirely uniform.
3. Complete: A building is regarded as having been completed when the builder has fulfilled the terms of the contract. As with commencements, the interpretations placed upon this definition may vary.
4. Under Construction: A building remaining uncompleted at the end of a period is regarded as being under construction regardless of whether construction was actively proceeding on that particular date.
5. Employment The figures of employment relate to persons actually working on new buildings on a specified day. They include working principals, employees, men working as, or for, sub-contractors and men temporarily laid off on account of weather. In addition, they include some employees engaged on alterations, additions, renovations or repairs to buildings when these jobs are undertaken by a contractor who builds new buildings. The figures include estimates for persons working on owner-built houses.
6. Values: All values shown exclude the value of land and represent the estimated value of buildings on completion.

All figures in this bulletin relate to the operations of private contractors, Government Authorities and owner-builders.

Figures relate only to the operations of persons who build new buildings.

Alterations, additions, renovations and repairs to buildings are excluded, because of the difficulty in obtaining complete lists of persons who are engaged in those operations.

Figures for houses exclude converted military huts, flats, and shop dwellings. Some houses built on farms are excluded but these do not effect the figures materially.